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FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2762

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TAGS: BEXP, VS

SUBJECT: DIESEL PASSENGER BUSES

REF: STATE 045923

1. GVN HAS NO RPT NO PLANS AT THIS TIME TO IMPORT BUSES AND VANS AS REPORTED REFTEL. DUE TO POL SITUATION, HOWEVER, GVN IS PROMOTING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AS ALTERNATIVE TO LESS ECONOMIC MEANS SUCH AS MOTORCYCLES AND 10- PASSENGER LAMBRETTAS. IN JUNE 1973, TWO LOCAL FIRMS ASSOCIATED WITH VIETNAMESE LABOR UNIONS RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION TO SUPPLY BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN SAIGON AND AT PRESENT TIME APPROXIMATELY 240 BUSES ARE OPERATING IN CAPITAL AREA. AT LEAST THREE OTHER PRIVATE FIRMS HAVE PLANS TO SEEK AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE ADDITIONAL BUSES IN SAIGON AFTER JUNE 30. DUE TO LONG DELIVERY TIME AND RELATIVELY HIGH COST OF IMPORTING NEW BUSES, HOWEVER, BUSES PLACED ON SAIGON STREETS TO DATE HAVE BEEN RECONDITIONED USED BUSES OR TRUCK CHASSIS WITH LOCALLY FABRICATED BUS BODIES. WE EXPECT PLANNED INCREASE IN SAIGON'S BUS FLEET DURING 1974 TO CONSIST OF RECONDITIONED AND/OR LOCALLY FABRICATED BUSES.

2. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR LOCAL SITUATION AND REPORT IF ANY MARKET FOR U.S. BUSES SHOULD DEVELOP.  
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